

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Deer Hollow Farm School Year Registration 2015-16

LOTTERY

Why is registration based on a lottery system?

Deer Hollow Farm is funded primarily by the City of Mountain View, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and Santa Clara County. Part of the agreement between these three agencies includes giving Mountain View schools priority registration, followed by schools within both Santa Clara County and MROSD, then schools within either the County or MROSD, and then all others.

How does the lottery work?

Registration forms must be returned to Deer Hollow Farm or the Mountain View Recreation Division by Thursday, September 10 at 5:00 pm to be eligible for the lottery. Farm staff will hold a private lottery during the week of September 14, 2015. One-third of all available openings are reserved for schools located in Mountain View (Priority 1), one-third for schools located in both Santa Clara County and the MROSD (Priority 2) and one-third for schools located in either the County or the District (Priority 3). Registration forms that are not selected during each stage of the lottery will be mixed with the following Priority group. We will do our best to accommodate all of the requests, but if the schedule is filled you will be placed on a waitlist.

How many students can I register on each form?

If multiple classes from the same school, totaling 65 students or less, are signing up on the same day for the same class—only one form is needed. If you are planning to register more than 65 students please complete an additional form with another Teacher's information.

CLASS CONFIRMATION

When will I receive confirmation that my class is registered?

Class contracts will be in the mail by **Friday, September 18**. You will be notified by Farm staff during the week of September 14 if your class has been placed on a waitlist.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

When are classes offered?

Please refer to the **2015-16 Deer Hollow Farm School Year Calendar**. Classes are offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from September 29 through May 26. There are no classes December 14 through January 1. **Please note your school holidays, minimum and testing days** when selecting your 15 preferred dates.

Why are 'Farm', 'Ohlone', and 'Life Sciences' included on the School Year Calendar?

The type of class that will be offered each day has been pre-set on the school year calendar. To register for a *Farm & Garden* or a *Fleece & Milk* class, please select a date that has **Farm** noted on it. For an *Ohlone Habitat* or an *Ohlone Village* class, please select a date that has **Ohlone** noted on it. For a *Life Sciences Hike* class, choose a **Life Sciences** date.

Can any of my 15 preferred dates be different from what is listed on the 2015-16 Deer Hollow Farm School Year Calendar? Forms will be considered incomplete, and therefore invalid, if dates are listed that do not match the Deer Hollow Farm School Year Calendar. This includes all Monday or Friday dates, and dates with a type of class (Farm, Ohlone, Life Sciences) that does not match your class age group. Adjustments to the type of classes offered each day will only be made if your class is placed on the waitlist.

CLASS FEES

How much does a class cost?

The following formula is used to determine the class fee. Location Fees are listed below. Fees reflect the primary funding sources of Deer Hollow Farm: City of Mountain View, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and Santa Clara County.

$$\text{Class Fee} = \# \text{ hours} \times \# \text{ classes} \times \text{Location Fee}$$

Class fee example;

A Mountain View school attending a 2-hour Farm and Garden program with 3 classes will pay \$174.00

$$2 \text{ hours} \times 3 \text{ classes} \times \$29.00 (\text{MV school fee}) = \$174.00$$

Location Fees

Priority 1: Schools in Mountain View	\$29.00 per hour per class
Priority 2: Schools in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and surrounding and incorporated areas within the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and Santa Clara County (County)	\$57.00 per hour per class
Priority 3: Schools in Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Atherton, Campbell, East Palo Alto, Milpitas, Redwood City, San Carlos, Santa Clara, San Jose, Woodside and surrounding and incorporated areas with the MROSD and the County	\$85.00 per hour per class
Priority 4: All other schools	\$117.00 per hour per class

When is payment due?

Payment must be received by **Monday, November 2, 2015**. Payment information will be included with the class contract. Checks are payable to the City of Mountain View. Credit card payments are accepted in person at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Is my class eligible for a Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Class Scholarship?

Scholarship funds are available for schools with a minimum of one-third of the students participating in the Federal Lunch program. For more information, please see the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm web site at www.fodhf.org or contact them at info@fodhf.org. Scholarship confirmation will be included with your class contract, mailed by September 18.

Is a busing scholarship available?

Yes! For the 2015-16 school year, the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm will provide bus scholarships for low-income schools. The Friends of Deer Hollow Farm received a grant from Santa Clara County to provide busing scholarships for schools with a minimum of one-third of the students participating in the Federal Lunch program. Teachers will be notified the week after field trip registration if they have received busing and/or tuition. Teachers must submit original busing invoice to Friends for payment within 45 days of field trip.